

REMARKS

The Official Action dated 08 March 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and relevant decisional law.

The disclosure is objected to because of several informalities: The word “practicing” is misspelled throughout the entire application.

In response, the title, the abstract, and the specification have been amended according to the Examiner’s suggestions.

Claims 1-2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoon ‘530 in view of Martin WO ‘248.

Claims 3-5 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoon ‘530 in view of Martin WO ‘248 as applied to claims 1 and 6 above, and further in view of MacLean ‘256.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoon ‘530 in view of Martin WO ‘248 and MacLean ‘256.

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 7-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 7 which is indicated to be allowable has been

deleted, and has been included into claim 1.

Claim 6 to which claim 7 is dependent thereon has also been deleted and has also been included into claim 1.

Claim 2 is dependent on the amended claim 1. Claim 3 is dependent on claim 2. Claim 4 is dependent on claim 3. Claim 5 is dependent on claim 4.

Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to be dependent on the amended claim 1.

Claims 10 and 11 are dependent on claim 9.

Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 8-11 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner RADA are appreciated.

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